

# Dairy Products Prices

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## Dairy Products Prices Highlights

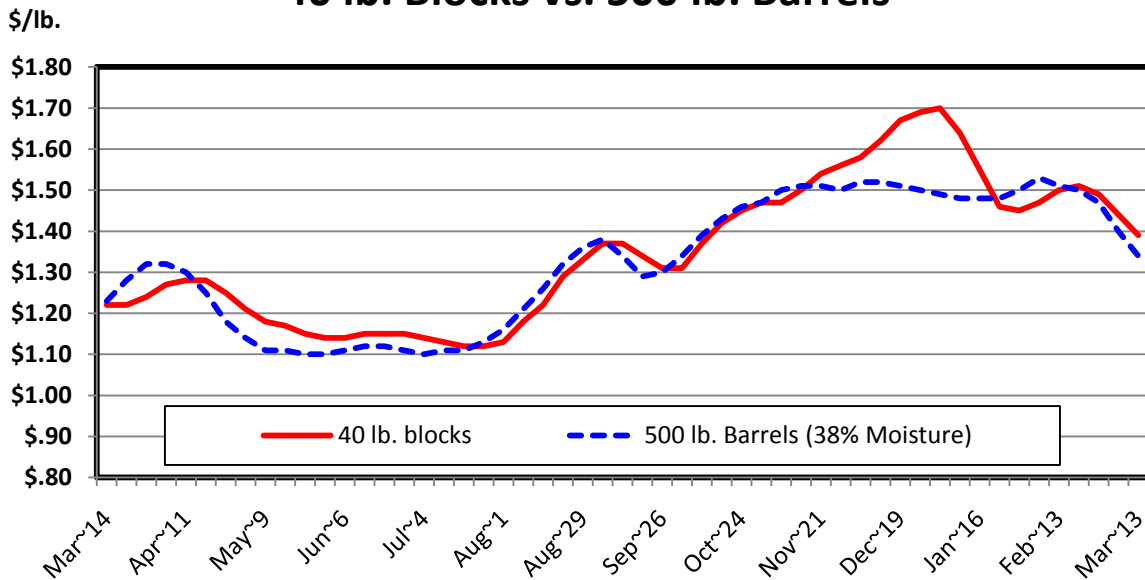
**Cheddar Cheese** prices received for U.S. 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.39 per pound for the week ending March 13. The price per pound decreased 4.8 cents from the previous week. The price for U.S. 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.34 per pound, down 6.0 cents from the previous week.

**Butter** prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.44 per pound for the week ending March 13. The U.S. price per pound increased 2.8 cents from the previous week.

**Nonfat Dry Milk** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged \$1.05 per pound for the week ending March 13. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.6 cents from the previous week.

**Dry Whey** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 38.0 cents per pound for the week ending March 13. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.4 cents from the previous week.

## Cheddar Cheese Prices, U.S. 40 lb. Blocks vs. 500 lb. Barrels



**Cheddar Cheese Prices by Style and Region**

Style and Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 13, 2010	Mar 6, 2010	Feb 27, 2010	Feb 20, 2010	Feb 13, 2010
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
40 Lb. Blocks					
Avg. Price <sup>1</sup>					
MN/WI	1.4662	1.5195	1.5487	1.5825	1.5710
Oth Sts	1.3813	1.4328	1.4856	1.4989	1.4958
US	1.3901	1.4378	1.4921	1.5059	1.5022
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>2</sup>					
MN/WI	1,183,265	645,546	1,257,263	863,501	868,971
Oth Sts	10,202,116	10,536,882	10,963,510	9,502,269	9,277,412
US	11,385,381	11,182,428	12,220,773	10,365,770	10,146,383
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
500 Lb. Barrels					
Avg. Price <sup>1</sup>					
MN/WI	1.3984	*1.4568	1.5240	1.5717	1.5785
Oth Sts	1.4087	1.4749	1.5405	1.5700	1.5891
US	1.4043	*1.4661	1.5316	1.5709	1.5838
Price Adj. to 38% Moisture					
MN/WI	1.3421	*1.3944	1.4623	1.5050	1.5163
Oth Sts	1.3333	1.3999	1.4706	1.4954	1.5035
US	1.3370	*1.3972	1.4661	1.5005	1.5098
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>2</sup>					
MN/WI	4,542,723	*4,565,495	4,615,205	*4,451,813	4,496,980
Oth Sts	6,196,017	4,772,361	3,935,776	3,865,495	4,517,308
US	10,738,740	*9,337,856	8,550,981	*8,317,308	9,014,288
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Moisture Content					
MN/WI	35.40	*35.22	35.38	35.25	35.46
Oth Sts	34.50	34.68	35.05	34.91	34.47
US	34.88	*34.94	35.23	35.09	34.96

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Prices weighted by volumes reported.

<sup>2</sup> Sales as reported by participating manufacturers.

**Butter Prices**

Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 13, 2010	Mar 6, 2010	Feb 27, 2010	Feb 20, 2010	Feb 13, 2010
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
Avg. Price <sup>1</sup>					
US	1.4367	*1.4086	*1.3555	1.3407	1.3503
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>2</sup>					
US	5,276,393	3,810,389	6,205,539	2,752,089	3,768,257

\* Revised.

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<sup>2</sup> Sales as reported by participating manufacturers.

### Nonfat Dry Milk Prices

Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 13, 2010	Mar 6, 2010	Feb 27, 2010	Feb 20, 2010	Feb 13, 2010
Avg. Price <sup>1</sup> US	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 1.0490	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> *1.0428	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 1.0447	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 1.0687	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 1.1414
Sales Volume <sup>2</sup> US	<i>Pounds</i> 23,610,170	<i>Pounds</i> *23,065,001	<i>Pounds</i> *34,311,168	<i>Pounds</i> *16,900,581	<i>Pounds</i> 12,599,672

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### Dry Whey Prices

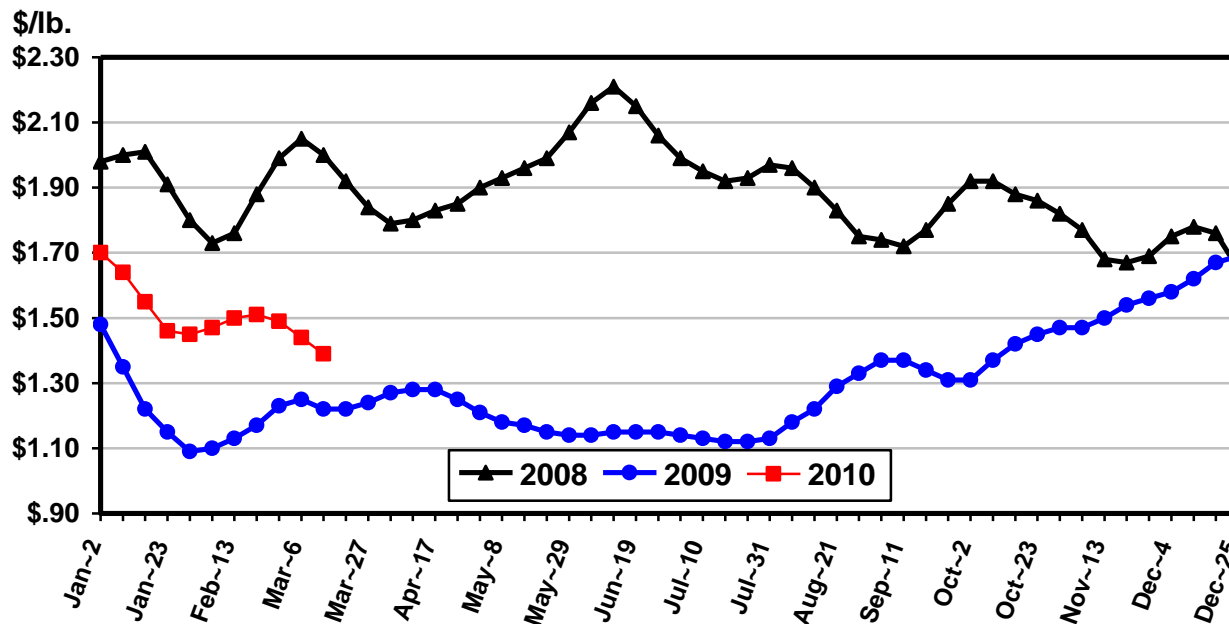
Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 13, 2010	Mar 6, 2010	Feb 27, 2010	Feb 20, 2010	Feb 13, 2010
Avg. Price <sup>1</sup> US	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.3802	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.3839	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.3894	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.3946	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.3960
Sales Volume <sup>2</sup> US	<i>Pounds</i> 11,002,470	<i>Pounds</i> *11,145,799	<i>Pounds</i> 10,547,029	<i>Pounds</i> 11,362,749	<i>Pounds</i> 10,512,461

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## Cheddar Cheese Prices, U.S. 40 lb. Blocks



**Procedures and Reliability:** The Weekly Dairy Product Prices program consists of 20 plants reporting 40 pound cheddar blocks, 16 plants reporting 500 pound cheddar barrels, 23 plants reporting butter, 38 plants reporting nonfat dry milk, and 23 plants reporting dry whey. There are 7 plants in the Minnesota/Wisconsin Region reporting 40 pound cheddar blocks and 10 plants in the Minnesota/Wisconsin Region reporting 500 pound cheddar barrels. Plants counts are by commodity, plants reporting multiple commodities are represented in each commodity. Price information included in this report is provided each week by manufacturers of these products. Data are collected by fax and electronic mail each week for the previous week. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) conducts on-site plant reviews. Price information collected is for the (wholesale) initial point of sale for:

- **Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks**, colored between 6 and 8 on the National Cheese Institute color chart, meeting Wisconsin State Brand, USDA Grade A, or better standards.
- **Cheddar cheese in 500 pound barrels**, white, meeting Wisconsin State Brand, USDA Grade A, or better standards.
- **Salted butter (80% butterfat)**, fresh or storage, in 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards.
- **Non-fortified, nonfat dry milk** in 25 kilogram bags, 50 pound bags, totes, and tankers meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards.
- **Edible non-hygroscopic dry whey** in 25 kilogram bags, 50 pound bags, totes, and tankers meeting USDA Extra Grade standards.

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